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Kentucky's 2015 Soybean Production Increases

Corn and Tobacco Production Declines

Corn production in **Kentucky** is estimated at 225 million bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast and down slightly from the previous crop. Yield is estimated at 172 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the November forecast and up 14 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain are estimated at 1.31 million acres, down 120,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushels from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the revised 2014 average yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and down 3 percent from the revised 2014 acreage.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is estimated at 88.7 million bushels, down 6 percent from the November forecast and up 7 percent from 2014. Yield is estimated at 49 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month and up 1.5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans is estimated at 1.81 million acres, up 60,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast and up slightly from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at 48.0 bushels, down 0.3 bushels from the previous forecast and up 0.5 bushels from last year. Area harvested is down 1 percent from 2014 at 81.8 million acres.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is estimated at 104 million pounds, down 8 percent from the October forecast and down 36 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from October forecast and down 350 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 58,000 acres, down 18,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is estimated at 145 million pounds, down 32 percent from last year. Burley growers harvested 78,900 acres, down 22 percent from 2014. Yields are estimated at 1,834 pounds per acre, down 266 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured tobacco** is estimated at 31.7 million pounds, down 13 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured tobacco** production is estimated at 13.8 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by **Kentucky** farmers is estimated at 629,000 tons, up 12 percent the 2014 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 5.06 million tons, up 20 percent from last year.